

The Drawings:

Formal drawings are being submitted on even date under separate Letter to the Draftsperson. A copy of the formal drawings is attached for the convenience of the Examiner.

REMARKS

Status

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, in which Claims 1, 2, and 10 were rejected and Claims 3-9 were objected to. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled; Claims 1, 4, 6-8, and 10 have been amended; and new Claims 11-15 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 4-15 are pending in the application, and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Drawing Objection

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Specifically, the Office Action indicates that the cassette of Claim 6 must be shown or the feature canceled.

Applicants have amended Claim 6 to remove the specific features attributed to the cassette. The claimed features of amended Claim 6 are shown in Figure 8, and described in the Specification on Page 5, lines 13-15. No new matter has been added by the amendment of this claim.

The drawings are further objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) because the reference symbols have been enclosed with outlines.

Formal drawings are being submitted on even date under separate Letter to the Draftsperson. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the formal drawings is attached at the end of this Amendment. The formal drawings do not include the reference symbols in outline, accordingly, the drawings are believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1).

The drawings are now believed to be in compliance, and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Specification

The Abstract of the Specification has been amended to more particularly describe the invention. No new matter is added by the amendments.

The disclosure has been objected to for its use of “it’s” at Page 5, line 31 rather than “its”. This usage has been corrected. No new matter is added by this correction.

The Specification is now believed to be in compliance, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that Claims 3-9 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of now canceled Claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, amended Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 8-10 are dependent on allowable independent Claim 1, and so are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 has been amended to be an independent claim, and as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 5-6 are dependent on allowable independent Claim 4, and so are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has been amended to be an independent claim, and as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New Claims 11-15 are dependent on allowable independent claims, and accordingly, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the reasons set forth above, Claims 1 and 4-15 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 2, and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,773,160 (*Evans*).

To promote prosecution of the application, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the features of now canceled Claims 2 and 3, and have amended Claim 10 to be dependent on allowable independent Claim 1.

Claim 10 is dependent on allowable independent Claim 1, and so is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejection for Claims 1 and 10 is respectfully requested.

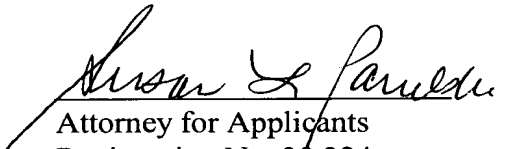
Summary

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

Respectfully submitted,


Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 39,324

Susan L.Parulski/law
Rochester, NY 14650-2201
Telephone: (585) 477-4027
Facsimile: (585) 477-4646